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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Katsunobu Hori, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6055  
Application No.: 09/756,846 : Group Art Unit: 2811  
Filed: January 10, 2001 : Examiner: H. Vu

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH  
HARD MASK COVERING

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the non-final  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH HARD MASK COVERING (AS AMENDED)

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|                                 | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE      | FEE     |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Total Claims                    | 17            | 20                          | 0            | \$18.00 = | \$0.00  |
| Independent Claims              | 4             | 3                           | 1            | \$86.00 = | \$86.00 |
| Multiple claims newly presented |               |                             |              |           | \$0.00  |
| Fee for extension of time       |               |                             |              |           | \$0.00  |
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| Total of Above Calculations     |               |                             |              |           | \$86.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$86.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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